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Motto
*Where Are
The Snows
Of Yester-year?*

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Today's
Whether
...or not anyone
will be able to
match my moves
for twenty-eight
hours.

MARATHON FEVER EXPECTED TONIGHT

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As you stroll through the U.C. tonight, on your way to check an empty mailbox, or to play pinball, don't be surprised if you don't recognize your surroundings. By 8 P.M. tonight, Drew's Second Annual Charity Dance Marathon will have taken over. In the lounge area, a carnival will be in full progress, complete with cotton candy, candied apples, a kissing booth, hot dogs, sponge throws, and the like. In the U.C. 107, marathoners will be enthusiastically beginning their twenty-eight hour vigil, to the music of a live band or WERD d.j.'s. Over 100 dancers are expected to participate, and most of them are determined to go the distance. Spectators are encouraged to pick a particular dancer and sponsor them, or to donate to the American Cancer Society. Hungry philanthropists can partake of the several delicacies on hand. Almost every campus organization has agreed to have a booth at the marathon, and there should be something for everybody—from plants to international coffee. Those who want a silkscreened T-shirt should bring t-shirts to the marathon.

The Dance Marathon Committee cordially invites everybody to attend this gala event. They've put a lot of time and energy into making this a successful marathon; now it's your turn. Whether you want to watch the dancers, listen to music (Scheduled bands include SDS, Carmine and CO., Crescents, Continental Crawler and the OOF Brothers) eat, drink, dance, or help out (All volunteers greatly appreciated!!), BE A part of Drew's Second Annual Charity Dance Marathon. Last year's was good, but we'd like to make this one even better. See you there.

Academic Committee Investigates

by Justin Griffin and
Tony Barsamian

Signs of an ending term are all about us. Final examinations are approaching rapidly and trips to the library are becoming more frequent. Study time has increased by twofold, and soon, professors will be handing out evaluation forms. Many people are not aware of the amount of time and effort invested in these course evaluations.

This year the Academic Committee, which is comprised of S.G.A. senators, decided to investigate these evaluations. Suzy Kronfeld, the chairman of the Academic Committee, was the first to look into the matter. With the aid of several senators, the below information has been assembled.

Course evaluations are distributed every term in class. One student is arbitrarily selected from within the class to give out these forms. These evaluations are mainly for the professor's benefit, but they can also serve as a useful guide for students.

These evaluations are meant to measure the effectiveness and worth of a course. Forms are graded on a basis

of one through five, with one being the lowest and five being the highest. Course evaluations are meant to calculate the instructor's abilities in such areas as, class discussions, knowledge of subject and maintaining interest in subject matter. Once these forms are completed they are rushed to the Computer Center. Here the raw data is tabulated and put into comprehensive form.

Over the last few years most students have filled out these evaluations. Unfortunately, very few students ever see the result of their effort. In the past, course evaluations have had a notorious reputation for disappearing. However, this year the library staff has taken these surveys out of hiding and placed them on reserve.

The Academic Committee was glad to hear that these reports were made available to all students. Copies should be made available at the U.C. desk and at registration. Hopefully, in the spring, students will use these evaluations in the selection of their courses for the following fall.



First snow strikes terror into the hearts of Druids.

Vandalism Policy

by Marita Finsie

On November 9th each student received a list of items vandalized in his or her dorm this semester, including broken windows, stolen lounge furniture, and stolen mirrors. Along with the list was a statement that each student would be charged a "pro rated portion" of the cost of the damage. This statement, issued by the Housing Office, is the result of a meeting held last spring by Dr. McDonald, Vice-President for Administration and Finance and attended by the Deans of the University and other members of the administration. The meeting dealt solely with the growing problem of vandalism on the Drew campus, and its tremendous cost. The participants decided to enforce the policy on page 73 of the *Handbook*, contained in the 7th article of the Residence Regulations which reads: "Since lounges and other common facilities are furnished by the University for the convenience of all residents, the University will hold the entire residence hall responsible for any unnecessary damages to these public places." Until now, this policy has not been implemented.

The purpose of dealing with vandalism in this manner is not only to

absorb the cost of repairs (it will probably be minimal on an individual basis), but also to encourage students to assume responsibility for their actions and the actions of others. Hopefully, more students will report vandalism to Security when they witness it, and also that a person living in a residence will be discouraged from committing vandalism since he or she will have to pay for it. The administration expects that the ultimate result of the policy will be a reduction in vandalism.

Student response to the new vandalism policy has been unfavorable. Many say that the damage was not done by inhabitants of the residence hall, so they should not have to pay for it. Others believe this policy asks students to patrol the dorms at all hours, on the look-out for vandals. Another complaint is that everyone is being charged for damage being done by a small minority.

It remains to be seen whether or not the policy will actually be effective in reducing vandalism. Many students do not see it as a solution to the problem, but unless a different policy is proposed, there is no choice but to live with the current one.

Do Acorn Writers Have Three Heads?

No, and they don't have warty noses, knobby knees or bloated stomachs. All you need is an average writing ability and a normal curiosity about campus activities (we also have stories for people with abnormal curiosities). Anyone who wants to help get the campus news ball rolling for the spring semester is invited to stop by at the Acorn office (we're right next to the SGA office) and vent their enthusiasm. News coverage will begin during January and there may even be an issue during Jan. All you need is three articles to be eligible for the Acorn's April banquet, so if you want to see more news about Drew in the paper, get out and show your stuff.

Acorn's Arts and Tales Contest

Got a flair for the creative? Next week's Christmas-exam issue, the last of the year, needs cartoons, Christmas tales, seasonal drawings, poems, limericks, songs, satires or any other piece of student creativity. Take some time off from the end of semester pressure cooker and let your feelings hang out. Pictures of Genesis, Foghat, Elton John, The Beach Boys, The Who, Olivia Newton John, Jacqueline Smith, and others will be awarded to the best pieces (winner's choice of prize photo).

Once upon an exam time dreary,

I wrote an article for the Acorn about reindeer flying theory...You take it from there.